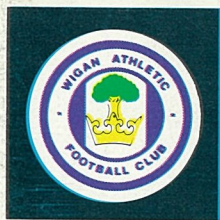
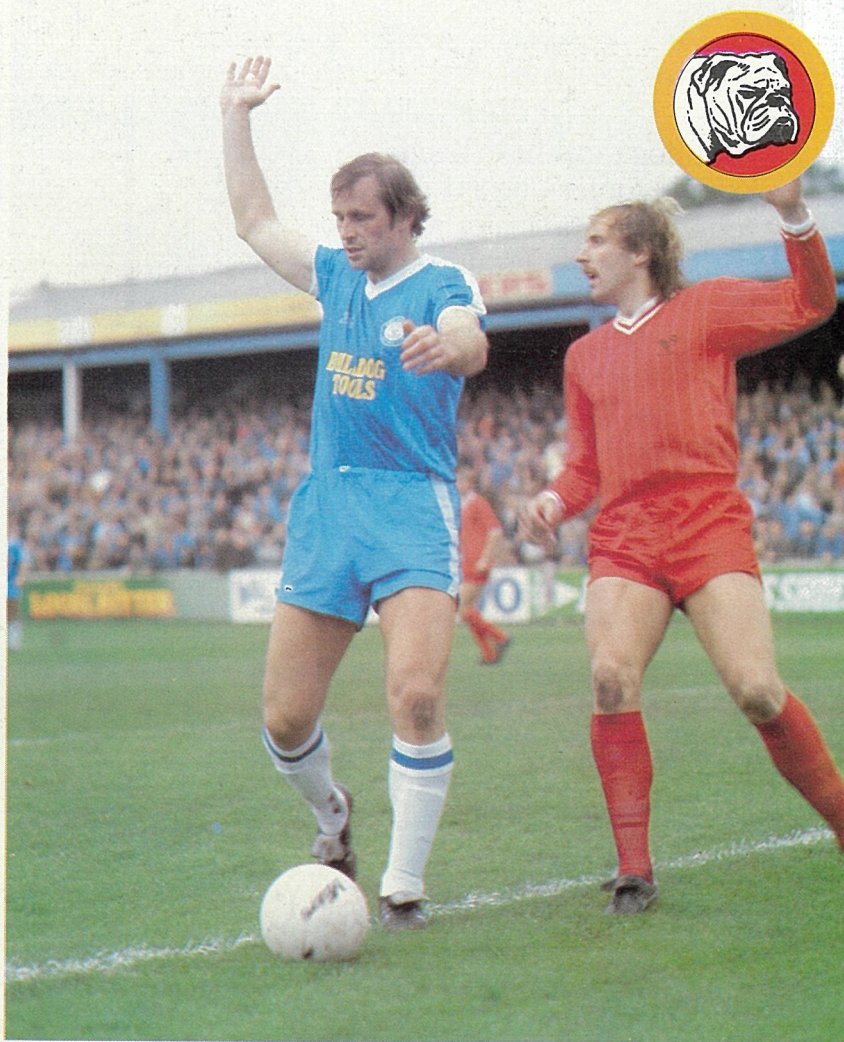


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# SCENE

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# LARRY



# LLOYD

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Last week you may have read two

items in the local press concerning the Latics youth policy. The first concerned the further recognition shown to the club by Bobby Robson and his teaching staff by selecting Gary Tarpey and Graham Morris, two of our Associate Schoolboys, to join an England Schoolboys squad. This shows that our youth policy is now promising to provide us with a continuing supply of fresh talent which will definitely play a significant role in the future of the club on both the playing and financial sides.

The second item concerned my keenness to take the Latics to the youngsters of the town, in the youth clubs and schools, to talk about the game and/or do some coaching.

Whilst we have always provided players for presentations and talks wherever possible in the past, this new effort will involve the playing staff as a group. I would point out that if any adult groups or societies would like us to turn up we will be happy to oblige.

But tonight the players can only have time for one thing and that is playing. The postponement of Saturday's match versus Plymouth means that we will have had three home games on the run. As we've already lost one and drawn one, we'll be all out to complete the sequence with a win.

Larry Lloyd.



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# THIRD DIVISION

## *Round Up*

by Harold Ashurst

BRISTOL Rovers, having just returned a limping Les Bradd to Springfield Park, have taken on a replacement of similar advanced years — former England World Cup star Alan Ball.

"Bally" the last member of England's World Cup winning team still playing, recently returned from Hong Kong and joined the promotion chasing Eastville club. He scored, too, in last week's game against Plymouth.

One move involving a Bristol player that broke down however was the planned transfer of Rovers goalkeeper Martyn Thomas to First Division Spurs.

Apparently, the two clubs had agreed a fee but the player himself couldn't agree terms. He has since joined Southend.

Brentford have signed Southampton striker Keith Cassells for a modest £25,000, only 11 months after Lawrie McMenemy paid Oxford £110,000 for the player.

He made his debut last Saturday.

Attracting the attention of the bigger

clubs are Doncaster's Snodin brothers, Glynn and Ian, both of whom scored in Latics home defeat by Billy Bremner's side recently.

The Football League Trophy final will be an all Third Division affair following Lincoln's extra time 3-1 victory over Chester on Tuesday night.

The League leaders will now meet Lincoln in a two-legged final on a date to be arranged.

Bradford City, for whom nothing seems to have gone right off the field this season, suffered another blow last week.

They have been told by safety experts that they must not play any more games under floodlights for the rest of the season following the blowing down of one of their pylons in the recent games.

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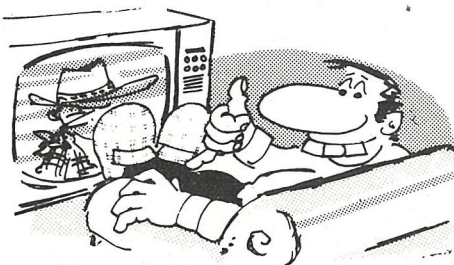


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# **COMING UP NEXT**

**Friday, 18th February, 1983**

**SOUTHEND UNITED -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC**

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE**

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**Saturday, 26th February, 1983**

**WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- BRISTOL ROVERS**

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE**

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**Tuesday, 1st March, 1983**

**PORTSMOUTH -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC**

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE**

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**Saturday, 5th March, 1983**

**WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- READING**

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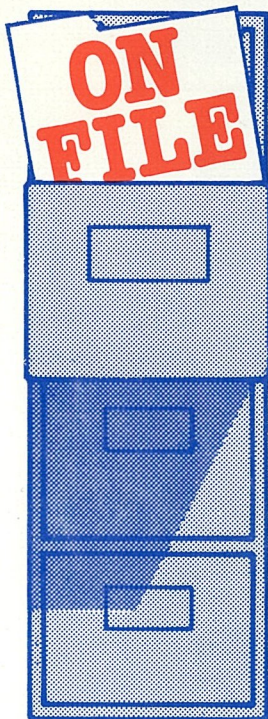
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ON THURSDAY, 24th February, the Football League is holding an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss the proposed contract with the Television companies. It seems highly likely that the initial offer will be thrown out by the League clubs for a variety of reasons. The London clubs seem most active in the fight to get a fair deal and below I detail a paper discussed by them recently, and whilst not agreeing with everything in it, I think it is a fair contribution to the debate.

#### PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION SUBMITTED BY CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB IN CONNECTION WITH THE RE-NEGOTIATION OF THE T.V. AND RADIO AGREEMENT

##### AIMS

1. To promote football
2. To encourage supporters to attend matches
3. To make money

##### RADIO

Proposal: Radio transmissions should be banned with the exception of hospital broadcasts. If coverage is allowed to continue, a facility fee of not less than £250 should be paid per Club, per channel, per match.

Reason: Nowadays people can stay at home in warmth and comfort and receive up to the minute news of their local Club in most regions.

##### Television

###### Proposals:

1. The number of matches televised should be reduced and each programme should consist of a maximum of one match. At present viewers can watch highlights of up to six matches each weekend and watch excerpts from other matches. For example, recently in one programme 22 goals of International matches

were shown.

2. The Clubs who actually stage a match should receive a facility fee of £5,000 with the away Club receiving £3,000.

Reasons: Televised matches should only be used to titillate the viewer and not be used as an alternative to attending live matches. One of the arguments put forward by the television companies could be that television is short of cash. We find this difficult to understand, with the setting up of Channel 4. If Channel 4 is losing money, this cannot be an excuse for not increasing the revenue received by the Football League Clubs.

Proposal: The Football League should set up an agreement identical to that of the Football Association. The Football League to retain copyright of overseas sales. At present the F.A. retain the copyright for marketing overseas of all F.A. Cup and International matches; they receive clean tapes with just crowd noise and then dub in their own commentary.

Reason: In the third year the F.A. are reported to have made a profit of approximately £700,000 from overseas sales and for example, in 1983 they have an agreement with Australia for televised F.A. Cup matches, worth approximately £630,000.

Proposal: Televised matches should only show incidents on the field of play.

Reason: At present far too much coverage is given to crowd disturbances and the like, which on many occasions can exaggerate a situation and therefore deter viewers from attending live matches.

#### CONCLUSION

If we are to survive, we must encourage supporters to return to the "live" game and at the same time receive just reward from the access we allow.





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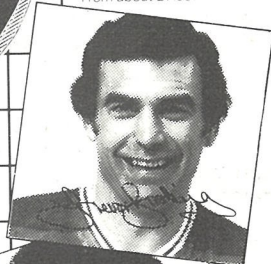
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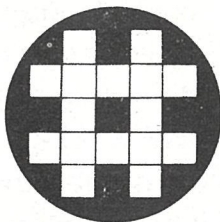
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# PUZZLE PAGE



## ON THE BALL No. 19

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go:  
**Former Eire boss; Old Real Madrid/Spain flier; Woodwork; Word for centre-half**

## CLUB CLUE No. 19

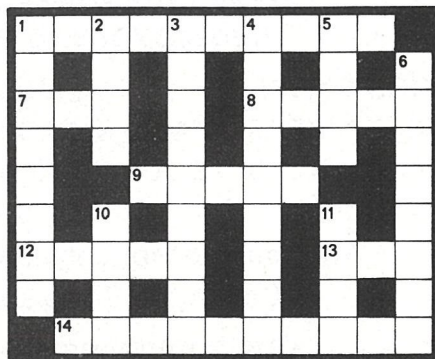
Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club:  
**The home team for Euro MPs?**

## MIXED DOUBLES No. 19

Re-order the letters in each of the words **HOUNDS** and **STEW** to find the names of two men called Alan.

## QUICK QUIZ No. 19

- Which *national* team are nicknamed "The Red Devils"?
- Who are forever blowing bubbles?
- In which year was the first number twelve used in an FA Cup final?
- Which club was replaced in the League by Hereford United?
- They were "The Hatters" . . . but what are they now?



## SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 19 (compiled by David Peck)

### ACROSS

- London-born defender originally on Chelsea's books but since seen with QPR and Wimbledon, from where he went to Orient last season (10)
- Peter Bonetti's nickname (3)
- Welsh international forward who went from Newport to Sheffield United, his major club, later rounding off with Cardiff and Swansea (5)
- There are two in a match (5)
- Warren --- made his debut for QPR in 1980 (5)
- Winger --- Glover split 400 appearances between Charlton and Leicester (3)
- Plays for one's country for example (10)

### DOWN

- Irish international who moved from Burnley to Boro, for whom he made his 100th turn-out this season (8)
- The 1891 FA Cup final was the first one at which they were seen (4)
- Tall forward whose clubs have included Manchester City, Norwich, Brighton, Chester and Sheffield Wednesday (3,6)
- He was up front for Forest when they last won the European Cup (4,5)
- Winger --- Glover appeared for Partick Bradford PA, Luton, Blackburn and Barrow (4)
- These club souvenirs are usually triangular (8)
- Another word for either of the 9 across (4)
- Midfielder --- Campbell played the best part of 200 games for each of Charlton, Birmingham and Cardiff (4)

Answers on page 12.





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# THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

THE undesirable side of football has reared its ugly head recently in the Wigan Amateur League.

Referees have been abused at certain matches, which has led to one club having to appear before the Lancashire Football Association and the League Executive sending out a warning to all clubs.

Their message reads: "At a recent League meeting the Executive brought to the attention of club representatives concern about the developing attitude of certain clubs to launch personal verbal attacks on referees.

"Every referee knows that when he takes up the whistle he will receive comments on some of his decisions and this is accepted by referees. But there have also been instances of prolonged personal abuse being directed at referees.

"Competition is very keen in this League and both players and spectators are tense, but they should give the referee a chance to do what is already a difficult job."

"If this warning is not heeded then the League will deal with individual clubs which persist in this in the most serious manner. We are not having it".

It should be added that this lamentable

situation has only flared up around certain clubs, and the reputations of others remain spotless. But such a blanket warning is a good way to calm the situation before it gets out of hand, and let's hope that all clubs and individuals respond as they should.

One spotless match at the weekend was that between Aspull Reserves and Kitt Green, where referee A. Sharples was able to comment after the match: "What a pleasure it was to referee a game where both teams came just to play good football. It's a very long time since I went through a game without even having to speak to a player."

So well done Aspull and Kitt Green, and let's hope others follow their example. They also set a sparkling example in the actual football played, with Aspull winning 5-3 with a hat-trick by Sheffield.

That game was in Division One, but there were plenty of goals up in the Premier Division as well as Bethel marched on with a 6-2 victory over St. Thomas' LC. St. Thomas' played into the savage wind in the first half and found themselves 5-0 down at the break—a deficit they never really stood a realistic chance of wiping out. Bethel's arch-rivals Aspull SC also won, beating Lamberhead FC 6-0 to keep up their challenge at the top.

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### SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE PAGE

SOCCER NINETY NINER No. 19 — Across: 1. Cunningham, 7. Cat, 8. Reece, 9. teams, 12. Neil, 13. Len, 14. represents. Down: 1. Cochrane, 2. nets, 3. Ian Mellor, 4. Gary Mills, 5. Alex, 6. pennants, 10. side, 11. Alan. ON THE BALL No. 19: Giles, Gento, posts, pivot, CLUB CLUE No. 19: Strasbourg, MIXED DOUBLES No. 19: Hudson, West, QUICK QUIZ No. 19: 1. Belgium, 2. West Ham's fans, 3. 1933, 4. Barrow (1972), 5. County (Stockport).



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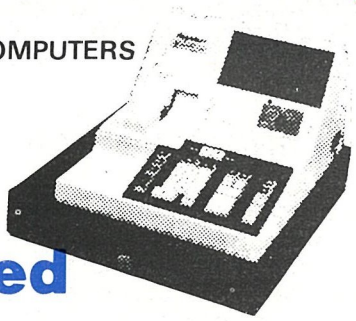
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# What the papers say...

## THE SUNDAY MIRROR

### **Wigan Athletic 2 Chesterfield 2**

TEENAGE substitute David Lowe salvaged a point for Wigan.

But the 3,009 crowd was Wigan's lowest as a League club and they had midfielder Alex Cribble sent off in the dying seconds for retaliation—

Chesterfield were one up after six minutes through Martin Henderson.

Then in the 16th minute, Calvin Plummer beat the off-side trap and as Wigan's Colin Methven went into the tackle, he watched helplessly as the ball drifted off his boot and over the line.

Skipper Eamon O'Keefe's 14th goal of the season after 28 minutes, signalled a change of fortune for Larry Lloyd's men.

After 72 minutes Lowe hammered in the equaliser from close range.

## THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

Chesterfield were two goals up and looking good when Wigan hit back to snatch a draw.

Chesterfield took the lead after just six minutes, Martin Henderson heading in from Tony Hanson's corner.

Then Colin Methven tried to cut out a cross from Plummer and the ball spun off his boot and trickled over the line.

Skipper Eamon O'Keefe pulled one back after 28 minutes with a fierce shot.

Then 17-year-old substitute David Lowe took his chance to crash the ball into the roof of the net for the equaliser.

# What you say...

### **John Morris, Worsley Mesnes.**

An awful day, an awful crowd and an awful game. Is that enough?

### **George Schofield, Marsh Green.**

I thought it was shocking. O.K., we came back from behind, but the first goal was a joke. The second was unlucky, true enough, but their No. 7 had done well to break away. I think they don't like playing at home. That happens a lot in football, with a team so nervous at home that they only play well away. But the home fans can't all see them away and so only see bad games.

### **Harry McNally**

I was disappointed with the game but more disappointed with the crowd. But

get it right, I'm not criticising the 3,000 that came. They all deserve a pat on the back, they're the true fans, the ones who should be remembered next time we have something to celebrate. But if the stay-aways want a football club in Wigan, they'll have to do something about it.

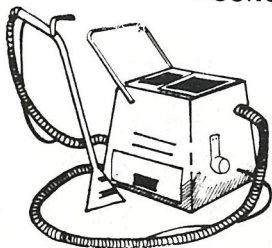
### **P.N. Dunn, Beech Hill.**

What we needed to keep us warm was some good football, but we didn't get it. But what an awful referee. He let the game develop into a scrap. When he booked one of their players, the player was shaking his finger at him and the ref. let him stay on. He was awful, and Cribble's sending off was a joke.

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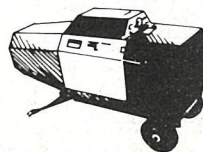
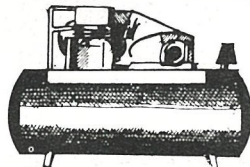
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Beer (Coach). **Seated (Left to right):** Aidan Gibson, David Harle, Ray Pratt, Martyn Rogers, John Delve, Tony Kellow, Pete Martin Ling (App), Paddy Thomas (NC).

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**STAN McEWAN** (Defender) Age 25. Ht. 6' Wt. 12st. 7lbs. Married. Joined Exeter in July, 1982 from Blackpool on a free transfer. Previous clubs Glasgow Rangers and Blackpool. Scottish international youth player. Born Cambusnethan (Scotland).

**MARTYN ROGERS** (Defender) Age 27. Ht. 5'9". Wt. 11st. 6lb. Married. Joined Exeter City July 1979 from Bath City. Previous club Bristol City. England Youth international. Born Bristol.

**PETER ROGERS** (Forward) Age 29. Ht. 5'9". Wt. 10st. 12lb. Married. Joined Exeter March 1979 from Bath City. Previous clubs Bristol City, Minehead, Bath City. Born Bristol.

**KEITH VINEY** (Defender) Age 24. Ht. 5'11". Wt. 11st. 9lb. Single. Joined Exeter in August 1982 from Portsmouth on a free transfer. Previous club Portsmouth. Born Portsmouth.

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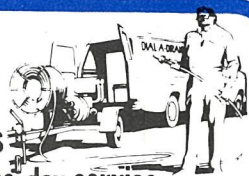
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Hey, what did I say! Monday's meeting was the most fantastic ever held. Haydock Park eat your heart out!! If you were there, I don't need to tell you, but if you weren't, boy did you miss something! Many thanks to Roy, Steve and John.

The voting for the Player of the Season got off to a great start with one or two surprises making the early running.

Make a date in your diary of Sunday, March 13th at 1.00 p.m. because the date of our first ever Dinner Disco in the Supporters' Club. More about that next week, and a little further in the future we are running a week long soccer school starting the third week of July.

More about that later.

### TONIGHT'S MASCOT

Our mascot for tonight is Darren Fairhurst.

Darren attends Abraham Guest High School, Orrell Road, Orrell. His favourite players are Roy Tunks and Eamon O'Keefe, and his hobbies are football, rugby and snooker.

Have a nice evening Darren.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



# JUNIOR LATICS





# Half Time Gossip

THE NEWS that young Gary Tarpey has been invited to join an English Schoolboy's squad will come as no surprise to those of you who witnessed his performance in the F.A. Youth Cup match at Springfield Park against Hartlepool in November. The 5-foot left-back was marking an eighteen-year-old Hartlepool apprentice and showed the kind of battling spirit that Latics supporters love. No wonder he is probably going to be offered an apprenticeship in the summer.

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Readers may be interested to know that Lancashire Evening Post soccer reporter Chris Gill is the proud father of a baby boy, an event which caused his colleague Harold Ashurst, who had already fathered a son and heir to comment, "He's always copying what I write, but this is ridiculous".

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Junior Latics first season as a force in local soccer continues to do the club proud. The Under-13's are unbeaten in seventeen games with only two of them being draws. Their goal average is 55 for, 10 against, but this is bettered by their younger pals in the Under-12's. They've scored 175 goals and conceded only 24, and have won nineteen of their twenty-one games. Next Year, a third team will be added as the other two move up a year. What is most needed now is another pitch for next season.

Anybody who knows of one should write to Bobby Charlton, President of Junior Latics, c/o Springfield Park.

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Latics Vice-President Jack Farrimond has been recommended for the Order of Merit of the Lancashire Football Association. The award is made to various gentlemen within the Association in recognition of their work for their club or league.

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David Lowe was quite happy with his spell at Lillleshall with the England Youth Squad. He scored plenty of goals, but will not know whether or not he's invited to the next session in March for a week or two. Watch this space.

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Hard-up football clubs are not exclusive to the Football League. Northern Premier League side Mossley have just announced a loss for year ending May '82 of £34,000, which means that the Lillywhites have lost around £60,000 in two years.

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Another non-League side in the news is Northwich side, Witton Albion. Their Directors have a record of never having sacked a manager — they just ask them to resign. But the present manager, Russ Perkins, refused their request and the Board, keen to keep their record, have allowed him to continue.

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**Happy birthday** Roy Hugale of 83 Mesnes Avenue, Worsley Mesnes, from his wife Jackie, little girl Patricia and brother David.

**Happy birthday** Frank, from Jean, Peter and Lynn, of Woodhouse Lane, Wigan.

**Happy birthday** Karen, from Peter. 19 or 20?

**Happy birthday** Philip for the 21st February Paul Neal.

**Birthday wishes** to Arnold Birtwistle, of Pemberton, on his 60th birthday. Enjoy the game and keep sober. From Bill, Frank and Colin.

**Congratulations** to Tom and Janet on the birth of their son Peter. From Helen and Joe.

**All the best** for the future, Mary and Jim, keen Latics supporters, who are emigrating to Australia later this month. From Sheila, Charlie and family.

**Congratulations** on your 21st birthday Philippa. From Sandra, Linda and Karen.

**Happy 20th birthday** for the 21st February. Lots of love from all your family. Favourite player John Butler.

**DON'T FORGET** This is a free service for Latics supporters. All messages should be handed in, or 'phoned through to the Club by the Monday morning before Saturday, and the Friday morning before mid-week games. Please make your messages as short as possible.

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*ABOVE: John Butler in action. John tries to dribble past the Chesterfield 'keeper who makes a brave save, AND BELOW: He beats the acrobatic Chesterfield 'keeper to the ball, but the effort goes wide. Photographs by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.*







# GOAL!

**DAVID LOWE SEES THE BALL BEAT THE DEFENDERS TO MAKE THE SCORE  
LATICS 2, CHESTERFIELD 2.**

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# Player Profile

## LARRY LLOYD



THE recent success of the Latics Youth Policy has meant that Larry Lloyd is inundated daily with letters from young hopefuls requesting trials. He makes a point of reading every one. That's not really surprising, because twenty-years ago, as a thirteen year old, he wrote just such a letter to the manager of his local club, Bristol Rovers. Fortunately for him and the teams he was to serve in the future, his request was granted and he became the Rover's first ever Associate Schoolboy (an honour which he strangely boasts about more than his many medals). He dismisses as a lie the rumour that he was 6-foot-2-inches tall at the time. ("Utter nonsense, I was only 6 foot!"), but he was certainly a big lad for his age and moved easily into the Bristol Schoolboys side. But he did not leave school at the first opportunity to sign professional forms. Rather, he continued his studies into the sixth form and then started training as a Constructional Engineer. But football was not going to escape and, within months of starting his planned career he was talked into changing course and signed full-time with the Bristol club. From the moment he signed his career has been one of glamour and honours. Despite one bad spell with Coventry when he was both unhappy and bed-ridden with back trouble, he has known only success. Two European Cup winners medals (both

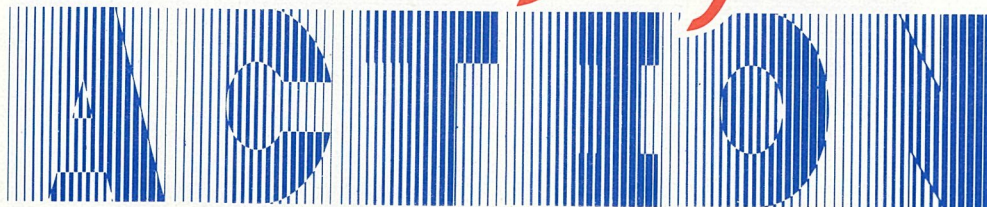
with Nottingham Forest), two League Championships (one with Forest, one at Anfield), a U.E.F.A. Cup winners medal, two League Cup winners medals, an F.A. losers medal, four England Caps, at Youth level, eight at Under-23 and four full ones, the list is certainly impressive. "I'd have swapped the lot for that moment last May, "he confides" when we got promotion, because it was my team that had done it".

As a manager, Larry Lloyd is seen to be very similar himself as a player — hard, uncompromising, demanding, he admits to being all of these. But his greatest quality, the side of him that has brought him success and Wigan Athletic success, is that he only plays to win. "There's no other reason for playing is there?" he asks repeatedly.

What the future holds for Larry Lloyd is anybody's guess. Football management is a precarious profession, as he has already discovered. But if his past is anything to go by, he'll be leading his team out at Wembley or holding the League Championship aloft. And you never know, it could be whilst he's manager of the Latics. "Why not", he says, "that's what winning as a manager really means!"



# Central League



ONCE again this column should be headed "Central League In-Action" as, due to the snow and high winds during the week, the home match against Chesterfield was postponed.

## CENTRAL LEAGUE TEAM FIXTURES

February 22	Oldham Athletic	Home
March 1	Bradford City	Away
March 8	Notts County	Home
March 15	Manchester City	Away
March 23	Sunderland	Away
March 29	Nottingham Forest	Home
April 5	Rotherham United	Away
April 12	Port Vale	Home
April 20	Bolton Wanderers	Away
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May 4		
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# SPOTLIGHT

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## **KENNY BANKS AND DUNCAN COLQUHOUN**

Some of you must know by now that Kenny and Duncan have been awarded a benefit this year. Various functions are to be held during the coming months. We ask you all to please support two great stalwarts of Wigan Athletic. They thoroughly deserve the benefit for all the tremendous work put in over the years at Springfield Park. Watch this space for details of events.

## **DARTS AND DOMINOES**

Our darts team have not lost a game this year. We are glad to see the vast improvement, although they have only played once, confidence must be at a great level until next week (sorry Brian)! (Private joke). The domino team have had a lean spell. Come on lads!

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**Chris Coffey, Chairman.**



1982	Aug. 30	Lincoln City	Stockport (M.C. 1 leg)	A	1-2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers†	Butler
1982	Aug. 30	Lincoln City	Stockport (M.C. 1 leg)	A	1-1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD			H	3-2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd†	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 7	BRENTFORD CITY			H	3-2	5,382	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Butler	Houghton	Rogers	Langley
Sept. 11	CARDIFF			A	2-3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1 leg)			A	6-5	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Williams	Rogers	Waters
Sept. 18	AFC BURNEMOUTH			A	1-2	4,866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Rogers
Sept. 25	Cheshire Rovers			A	0-2	2,825	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Butler†	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Rogers
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers			A	6-3	4,457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton†	Gemmill	Butler
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Oct. 16	Bristol R.			A	0-4	4,323	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH			A	0-1	4,504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe†	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Butler	Gemmill	William
Oct. 23	Reading			A	1-2	2,621	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Lowe	Lloyd†	Methven	Butler	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2 2nd leg)			A	0-2	16,083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Lowe†	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.			H	0-1	4,108	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Lowe†	Walsh	Methven	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Nov. 3	Exeter City			A	1-2	2,399	Tunks	Langley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd†	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Nov. 6	Orient			A	1-1	2,226	Tunks	Cribley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd†	Houghton	Gemmill	Lowe
Nov. 13	MILLWALL			H	3-1	4,426	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Steel	Walsh	Methven	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton?	Gemmill	Sheldon
Nov. 21	TELFORD U (FA Cup 1st R)			H	0-0	4,805	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 23	TELFORD U (FA Cup 1st Rd Replay)			H	1-2	5,085	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams†	William
Nov. 27	Gillingham			A	2-0	3,952	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Shaw	Butler	Lowe	Weston	William
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.			H	3-2	5,015	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Butler	Shaw	Steel†	Lowe	Weston	William
Dec. 18	OXFORD UNITED			H	0-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Langley	Butler	Lowe†	Weston	Bradd
Dec. 27	Wrexham			A	1-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley†	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd
Dec. 29	WALSALL			H	1-3	4,564	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley†	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd
1983																		
Jan. 1	PRESTON NE			A	1-4	7,560	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Glenn†	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Lowe
Jan. 3	HUDDERSFIELD T			H	2-0	7,641	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	Methven	Sheldott	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Lowe

# THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

as at Sunday, 13th February, 1983.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff City .....	29	12	1	1	30	10	6	3	6	23	26	58
Portsmouth .....	28	11	0	2	28	12	6	4	5	19	20	55
Lincoln City .....	26	12	0	1	41	8	5	3	5	15	16	54
Bristol Rovers .....	29	12	2	1	43	10	3	3	8	19	26	50
Huddersfield .....	28	10	4	0	40	11	4	4	6	15	21	50
Oxford .....	28	6	7	0	25	14	7	1	7	21	20	47
Newport .....	28	7	6	2	26	15	5	2	6	20	21	44
Plymouth .....	28	10	1	3	23	14	2	4	8	17	30	41
Southend .....	27	8	4	2	30	16	3	2	8	12	19	39
<b>WIGAN ATHLETIC</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>39</b>
Brentford .....	29	9	2	4	38	21	1	5	8	21	32	37
Bradford City .....	28	7	5	2	27	17	2	5	7	15	25	37
Gillingham .....	28	6	3	4	19	15	3	5	7	13	19	35
Bournemouth .....	30	6	5	3	21	12	3	3	10	13	39	35
Sheffield Utd. ....	25	8	3	3	24	13	1	4	6	8	18	34
Wrexham .....	28	7	4	3	18	11	1	6	7	9	29	34
Exeter .....	30	7	3	5	30	26	1	7	7	23	41	34
Orient .....	28	7	3	5	26	26	3	1	9	9	32	34
Reading .....	30	7	4	4	26	20	1	5	9	17	37	33
Chesterfield .....	28	5	3	6	21	15	2	6	6	12	22	30
Walsall .....	27	6	4	4	16	15	1	5	7	16	28	30
Doncaster .....	28	5	7	2	32	25	2	1	11	11	28	29
Millwall .....	29	5	6	3	20	17	0	4	11	12	36	25
Preston .....	27	3	7	2	18	13	2	0	13	17	38	22

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# Comments from the Chair

GOOD evening and a warm welcome to you all and to the Directors, players and supporters of Exeter City on this, their first ever visit to Springfield Park.

We are again witnessing the fiasco of League fixtures being played, if at all, in atrocious wintery conditions. Our last two home games have been played in what can only be described as freak winds and I personally hold the weather largely to blame for our dropping the two home points. I am sick and tired of trying to get over to the powers that be that we should forget about trying to play football in December, January and February and start the season in March. This would then guarantee that for much of the season, spectators would not have to imitate Scott of the Antarctic when they set out for a match.

Even the most modern grounds are still open to the cold and the British football fan has got to be one of the hardiest creatures going. Not only do they have to brave the weather, they very often do not know until a few hours before the game whether or not it is on. I was bitterly disappointed with the size of the crowd at our last home game, but whilst I praise all those who



came for their loyalty. I can understand people not fancying two hours of standing in the cold and not being able to afford to attend. Hardly a week goes by without news of large scale redundancies in the area and there is surely no-one in the country at the moment who is not feeling the bite of this terrible recession.

Next week, the League is holding a meeting to discuss the proposed Television contracts and I must agree with my fellow Chairmen that the money offered is not satisfactory. It works out roughly to be worth the equivalent of about 650 adult spectators per game per club and I am sure that you would agree that televised soccer certainly keeps a large number of "live" spectators away from the game and if we must have television, we must have adequate compensation.

Enjoy the game.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Freddie Pye".

Freddie Pye, Chairman.



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ATHLETIC**  
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- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Alex Cribley
- 5 Steve Walsh
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Peter Houghton
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 John Butler
- 10 Eamon O'Keefe
- 11 Jimmy Weston
- 12 David Lowe

# TEAM CHECK

## OFFICIALS

Referee:  
**MR. J. LOVATT**  
(Crewel)

Commenced refereeing in 1962 and progressed via Mid-Cheshire and Cheshire County to Football League List. Has lined an F.A. Cup Semi-Final (1975), and F.A. Youth Cup Final (1979), Anglo-Scottish Final (1979).

Refereed Cheshire County Challenge Cup Final (1979), and lined 1980 Under 21 International Holland v. Spain. A married man with two children, he is an Office Manager with the Cheshire County Council. He is interested in all sports and enjoys a game of squash or tennis. He is actively involved in the administration of local football and coaching referees.

### Linesmen:

(Red Flag)  
**Mr. P. Green**  
(Stafford)

(Yellow Flag)  
**Mr. G.M. McManus**  
(Connah's Quay)

## FOR YOUR RECORDS

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F.T. SCORE .....  
ATTENDANCE .....  
SCORERS .....  
LATICS .....  
VISITORS .....



**EXETER  
CITY**  
(Red/White)

- 1 Len Bond
- 2 Graeme Kirkup
- 3 Keith Viney
- 4 Dave Harle
- 5 Nick Marker
- 6 Stan McEwan
- 7 Steve Neville
- 8 Peter Rogers
- 9 Aidan Gibson
- 10 John Delve
- 11 Martyn Rogers
- 12 To be announced.

**"HERE NEXT"**  
Saturday, 26th February, 1983  
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.  
**WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- BRISTOL ROVERS**  
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE